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## WHAT WE SHALL DO

Our Attitude Toward The Governments of The World.

### SUBMISSION, SPIRITUALITY, AND POWER.

What we shall do depends on what the Bible says. If we did not have the Bible as our guide we might feel much more perplexed than we do. But having this precious Word of God open before us we feel safe and restful.

The record shows that Peter was sleeping sweetly the night before he was to be executed the next day. That saint of God was quietly resting as he slept between the guards shut up in the prison cell. No worrying; no fretting; no complaining. Nothing said of him even wishing he was free. Nothing said of him sending out for the brothers and sisters to pray for him to be released and allowed to go home.

But the people did pray. The record shows that "prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." And they kept this up until he was released and broke up the prayer meeting by his appearance in their midst. This was a new experience to Peter, but he was submissive and obedient.

Only for supernatural intervention Peter would have slept on probably until morning and been executed the next day. But the angel of the Lord came and made a light in the prison, made Peter awake from his sleep, dress himself and get out. All Peter had to do was to obey orders. By his obedience he was taken from prison, led out of the city, and turned loose to go to the midnight prayer meeting.

Peter submitted to the power of the government that put him in the prison, and he also submitted to the power that took him out. The authorities of the world government put him in prison, but the authorities of heaven took him out. But Peter submitted and obeyed in both cases. This is all he had to do.

If we follow Peter as an example of Pentecostal days we will possess the same spirit of submission. I do not know of anything better to do. As he made good in his day, we must make good in our day. I long ago concluded Peter was a great man and would be a good example to follow. I am still of the same opinion.

We know what he did because we have the record given concerning him and his great work for the Master. We may not know every little detail of his life, but enough is given so we know in a general sense. We may not know all the details of what we shall do, but we know enough to know what we shall do in a general sense.

Writing of the rulers and government, Paul said, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority." (1 Tim. 2:1,2.) This we shall do. We shall pray for all men. We will pray for the kings and rulers of the countries. We shall pray for those in authority. When we came into the great Church of God we obligated ourselves to take the Bible and obey its precepts and commands. So in order to do this we find it necessary to pray for kings and those in authority.

Our attitude toward the gov-

ernments of the world must be exactly like that of Peter, Paul and the others. If they were rebels, then we must be rebels. If they were submissive then we must be submissive. Peter said, "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake." I am doing my very best to conform to the postal laws of the United States and other countries in sending out the Evangel and our other literature. By the use of the mails we are enabled to send forth the blessed message in all the world. The postal system is good and those in charge of it have our good will and prayers.

Were it not for the postal system we would not be able to spread the gospel as rapidly as we are. Were it not for this system it would be almost useless to attempt to publish the beautiful white-winged messenger that our people love so well. Having this system in operation enables me to sit in my little eight by ten sanctum and touch nearly fifty thousand people every week and tell them I love them.

The Church of God did not study out this system and put it into practice, but the governments of the world are good enough to let us use it for the spread of the gospel. It is no wonder Paul said we should pray for kings, and for all in authority. He saw how they should be serviceable in the spread of the gospel. We see it too, and appreciate it more than we can express.

We do not have to spare our men to operate the system. Our men can all work for the Lord in different ways and the governments are serving us and helping us to hasten the work along. All of our thousands of letters that come from our friends in this country and from those across the sea are delivered to us at our office window by the government. The thousands of letters we send out are taken direct from our office window and carried to our friends in all parts of the world.

Here we are, reigning as kings, (1 Cor. 4:8.) and the governments of the world are serving us. We say to them, "Deliver nine thousand copies of the Evangel into as many homes every week." We say to them, "Distribute these thousands of tracts and books and the Sunday school literature where we bid you." They do it at our command. The governments are truly our servants; of course we should pray for them and do our best to comply with the laws they make for our good.

How better can I describe our attitude toward the governments of the world than to say we pray for them? And we do this because our Bible tells us to. We submit to the laws because our Bible tells us to. They might require of us something that we could not do, as in the case of the three Hebrew boys when they refused to bow down and worship that image instead of God. But when our worship and service to God is not interfered with we can submit to the laws and be clear before God.

At our meetings we do not

teet ourselves from marauders and disturbers. The government provides protection for us. The sheriffs, the marshals, the policemen, and governors look after that for us, and all we have to do in our services is to worship God. The strong arm of the government commands all vicious men to keep their hands off of us.

When that howling mob was about to beat Paul into jelly and pull him to pieces, the strong arm of the government ran in and dragged him from the murderous throng and took him into safety and cared for him. Very often the government has stood picket around our places of worship and defied the approach of our enemy that meant to cause trouble. When we know all of these benefits we would surely be very ungrateful to not show some signs of appreciation for such service.

How am I to express my appreciation of the postal system of the world governments? How am I to express my appreciation of the strong arm of protection rendered by the government? I could do as I did once, but that is probably not sufficient. In one of my big revival meetings I discovered an official in the back of the house. I left the platform and walked back and took him by the hand and said, "Do you know you are one of God's ministers? As such I desire to show you due honor and respect." After telling him I very much appreciated his presence and giving him a hearty welcome and assuring him he could have my co-operation in keeping order I walked back to my stand and told my congregation that I was a minister of God and that the officers of the law were ministers of God, and explained my meaning by using Paul's teaching and said, "It is my business to persuade men to do right and it is the duty of the officers to make them do right if they will not listen to kind words and good advice."

Again, I say, How am I to show my appreciation of the postal system? I do it largely by conforming to the laws that govern it. I would not intentionally violate any of the laws for any amount of money. I would not do it under any circumstances purposely. I do not want to be so loyal merely to escape punishment, but I want to do honor to a system that is my faithful servant, and thus show my appreciation of its service. The same is true of the protection the government renders us so we can worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience.

Jesus taught us to honor the king and thus honor the government. He was accused of being an enemy of Caesar. The accusation was false. He was accused of being opposed to paying tribute to the government; but he put His accusers to silence when he called for the tribute money and said, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

I often feel like baring my head when I meet an officer on the street. If they are God's ministers why shouldn't I? And that is just what Paul says they are. This does not say they are converted men, or saved men. We scarcely expect them to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. But Paul says they are ministers of God to us for good. (Rom. 13:4.) This being the case why should I not show them due honor and respect? Peter plainly says, "Honor the king." Be-

sides this he says, "Honor all men," so I feel that I am on solid footing in making the above statement.

We do not hesitate to say what we shall do, because our course is laid out in the open Bible and we expect to follow it at any cost. It lays out the plan and government for the Church of God, and when this is followed there is no clashing of arms with the governments of the world, but rather submission for Jesus' sake, so long as the governments do not enact laws to bind our conscience and prevent us from following the open Bible. Even then there would be no clash, for we would submit to the penalty with no resistance like Daniel of old. But we could not cease our prayers to our God.

It is not too much to say that submission to the open Book leads to spirituality, and spirituality to power. If you want to be more spiritual, the way to it is by way of submission. Submit to the teaching. Submit to its laws and commands. Put every part of it rightly divided into practice and I'll venture to say you will be spiritual. Keep your own opinion out of it. Let the "Thus saith the Lord" mean what it says without changing it about to suit your theories. When it says repentance let it stay repentance. When it says feet washing, let it stay feet washing and do not try to say it is a lesson of humility. When it says "honor the king" or rulers or government, do not try to make it appear that they are all bad men and should not be honored.

We do not mean to stop with the things mentioned, but all the balance is included. It covers every phase of life; and if followed, one cannot keep from becoming spiritual, neither all of the devils in hell can prevent a faithful submissive soul that obeys it all from entering the city of gold when the time comes for such entry. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."—Jesus.

Submission, spirituality, and power. A blessed trio. Perfect harmony and perfect safety. This trio carried the early followers of Jesus safely over. It will bridge us over in these last days if we swing to it. And this is what we shall do. And God will help us. The early Church clung to this trio and was successful in landing many thousands over on the eternal shore. The same trio will take us over safely now.

When our attitude toward the governments of the world is fully understood some things will go differently, but we are misunderstood very often. Our Master was misunderstood, and we can hardly expect anything else. But whether understood or not we must stick to our trio, submission, spirituality and power. And God will give us the last in proportion to the way we accept and yield to the first.

Now just a word to the Church: Come beloved, let us draw nigh to God and to each other, submit to the blessed Book in all things and victory will be ours world without end. Let the people know that we are no rebels against good government. "Speak evil of no man." (Titus 3:2.) "Be subject to principalities and powers, obey magistrates, be ready to every good work." (Titus 3:1.) When you speak, "speak as the oracles of God." Use "sound speech, that cannot be condemned." Tell the peo-

## TRIBULATION—THE INSTRUMENT THAT WORKS PATIENCE

Greatest Spiritual Gains Often Made During Greatest Trials.

L. HOWARD JULLERAT.

The word "tribulation" comes from the Latin word "tribulum," meaning a flail, the instrument by which wheat was separated from the chaff. So in the Christian life we might say that tribulations are the trying ordeals through which we pass that refine and purify us. They come as fire to try us, but Peter says, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you as though some strange thing happened unto you." Yet many today think it strange because they are having so many trials.

After a vessel has been made for the government we hear of her "trial trip." If in this test the ship comes up to the specifications in the contract, then the government accepts it. Beloved, we are on our "trial trip" and are being tried as by fire. The world is being reserved unto fire. We are getting our trial of fire now, thank God! and when the other comes we will be safe in the heavens.

In olden times we read that accused persons were given the "ordeal of fire," that is, they were made to walk barefooted over hot coals to prove whether or no they were guilty. So, today, we are going "through the fire" but as the Lord said to Israel, "When thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned."

Fire cannot harm gold, it only purifies it and brings out the dross. I was told that if out of a carload of ore a handful of gold was gotten they were doing well.

The bitter accusations that God's people sometimes have to bear, the slander, misrepresentations and misunderstandings seem hard and especially when they come from sources least suspected. Often we can rejoice when the world reviles us and persecutes, but when those who profess to love God say sharp things, then it is that a keen edge is felt piercing our soul. We expect nothing better from an enemy than mistreatment, but from those who wear the badge of a friend we look for something in keeping with their profession.

O it is just a fiery trial, don't think it strange! Don't get the "blues," don't get discouraged; don't even get "miffed," nor let contrary winds swerve you from your course. In fact a good sailor doesn't need the wind square behind him to sail before the wind, to make progress, but he can "tack" until by and by he reaches a harbor. The worst thing is no wind at all, an abso-

lute calm, no progress can be made. We may think if we didn't have so many trials, so many vexing and perplexing things to contend with, so many stumbling blocks or hypocrites, how fine we would get along. If the vessel were always on a sea of glass, not a puff of wind to make a ripple, the sails would be useless. The picture would be fair to look upon but useless for practical results. If the gold could rest forever in the bosom of old Mother Earth and didn't feel the sharp pick, nor go under the hammer or through the water and fire, we couldn't use it to buy our commodities or in spreading the gospel.

Little as we may realize it we often make the greatest spiritual gains during the greatest trials and tribulations. We can't rest on our oars then, or on past blessings, but all the latent powers within us are exercised to combat the difficulties. Then do we with greater exertion call upon God; then does the helpless soul fly to its Great Refuge; then are infinite resources at our command because we are close enough to God to see them. He seems so wonderful, we so small and dependent. The victory comes in to our souls in flood tides of glory; we seem to be resting in utmost confidence on the great bosom of an ocean of love. Glory to Jesus! Our soul comes out purer, richer and free after such an experience. If the trial had not come we would have gone on unconcerned and indifferent, believing that God was mighty because His Word so says, but now by reason of the trial and the consequent strong crying to God with its resulting blessing we know for ourselves and can say as Job, "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee." No wonder the early saints gladly embraced suffering and tribulation, yea, prayed for them.

Beloved, have you been praying for patience? Then look out for tribulation because that is the instrument that works patience. Have you been praying to become more and more like Jesus? Then don't recoil from suffering for Him because the Captain of our salvation was made perfect through suffering. If we suffer with Him we shall reign with Him. Through much tribulation do we enter into the kingdom of God.

Beloved, let us determine to "go through" whatever others do.

### The Last Call.

It has come to the world! It will come to you! The startling events of these days following in rapid succession will culminate in the end of this age. The times of the Gentiles are about fulfilled. The Jews will go back to their old home. The Lord Jesus is coming soon. He is coming after those who are holy. The mighty Spirit of God is working powerfully in the world, drawing people. Men and women are leaping over sectarian walls. Creeds and formality cannot hold them.

God is calling! The Lord of Hosts is marshalling His forces for the great battle. They must

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The Assembly convenes this year Oct. 31—Nov. 5.

It is expected that every minister shall be a regular reader of the Evangel.

Those of our people who do not read the Evangel every week fall behind in information, and I am afraid spiritual blessing, too.

When we have done our best in the service of the Lord we will find in the judgment it has been little enough.

The address of Walter Ellis is wanted by Mrs. R. B. Ellis of Morriston, Fla. Any information concerning him will be greatly appreciated.

We have lost the address of a few of the ministers since they have been changing about this year. We want those who have not received their monthly report blanks to kindly notify us giving their address so they can be supplied.

The principle of the tithing system is that one-tenth of the increase or income is the Lord's, and we are to get our living from the remaining nine-tenths.

For some reason we have not been able to make any increase in our subscription list for the last few weeks. Nine thousand four hundred is a goodly number, but we cannot afford to stop here when we have been climbing so nicely heretofore. Let us make one more tremendous effort and put it over the top, and reach the ten thousand mark. Thank you all in advance for your loving assistance.

Continue to order the tracts and fans. Now is the time for the fans to go and be appreciated. They will talk religion to the fanner while he fans. 35 cents per doz., \$2.25 per hundred.

Eleven more added to the church here last Sunday night. There are more to follow soon.

Do not neglect your family worship. All the members of the family should be gathered together at least once a day for reading the Bible and prayer.

Pray through! Pray through! Pray through every difficulty and come out shouting on the other side.

The Bible School opens Nov. 11, the next week after the Assembly. Send for application sheet if you think of attending.

Be wise and humble, submit

sive and loving. People are dying for love, a kind word, and pleasant handshake. Love will win.

Reports of several new churches organized quite recently. This is encouraging. It shows there is something being done on the field by the evangelists and workers.

We are not able to express our deep regret for the disappointment that prevails in the Sunday schools on account of not getting the picture cards and large picture rolls on time. We turned the freight order down and placed an order for material to be shipped by express, and now although there has been time enough for it to come twice over since placing the order the shipment has not shown up yet as we write this note of explanation. We are doing our best, but we cannot control the freight and express traffic. We hope no one will get discouraged and lose interest in the Sunday school work. We hope, also, that we may have the sympathy and good will of all while we are trying to do our best to aid the Sunday school work.

**Lamasco, Texas.**

Dear Evangel Family:

I am praising God for real salvation through the precious blood of Jesus. Oh, it is so sweet to trust in Jesus! Bless His precious name! I love Him this morning above all things in this world.

I am so glad I ever heard the full gospel preached and am so thankful for the grace the Lord gave me to walk in the light. Hallelujah! I can feel His love bubbling up in my soul.

There are no other Church of God people here so I am quite alone in that respect, but God is with me. Glory to His name!

I want all the saints to help me pray that God will send a minister to Center Grove to preach the full gospel.

I find opposition on every hand, but praise God, that doesn't change the Word of God in the least.

Please pray for me that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet.

Your brother,  
 W. V. Henry

**Bearden, Ark.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God in the highest for His sanctifying power. Such joy and peace in my soul and love for the saints of God. I praise Him for a clear conscience. I feel no condemnation in my heart. It is my desire to live nearer the Lord each day and do His will. I want to stay humble at the foot of the cross. I want to be where He can use me to His glory.

Praise God! I am so glad I am able to rejoice in tribulation. I would not get out of this way for the world. I mean to go all the way with Jesus. Praise His sweet name!

I hope you will all pray for the little band at this place that we may stand firm and grow in grace and be ready to go when Jesus comes to catch away His waiting ones.

Our revival begins the second Sunday in July. Please help us pray that many souls will be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Your sister in Christ,  
 Mamie Curtis.

**Revival Meeting Notice.**

Revival services will begin at the Church of God near Addison in New Georgia district of Alabama, August 19, 1918. Brother Z. D. Simpson will have charge of the services. Everybody is invited. Let all the saints of God pray much for the meeting.

For further information address B. E. Legg, Addison, Ala.

**The Red Cross--Its Origin and Mission**

F. J. LEE.

What is the "Red Cross?" Some people seem to be bothered about the Red Cross and decline to give support or help in any way, thinking it is of Roman Catholic origin. I don't think so, but even if it were, it is a good work.

Up to the eighteenth century the wounded soldiers were carried to the rear by comrades, or left unattended and exposed until the battle was over.

In 1842 the French introduced the "ambulance" which means a kind of moving hospital. Later a convention held at Geneva was the means of making the work international, but the American civil war marked the modern ambulance system.

There was an American philanthropist, who, during the civil war, distributed large quantities of supplies for the relief of wounded soldiers. The United States had declined to become a party to the treaty of Geneva, so Miss Clara Barton, the above mentioned philanthropist took it upon herself to go into the battlefields with the aid of others and organize the work. She superintended the distribution of relief to the poor in Strassburg, also in 1832 performed a like service in Paris. For her service she was decorated with the iron cross.

Miss Barton gradually came into prominence. Finally she introduced an amendment to the constitution of the Red Cross, which provides that relief shall not only be distributed in war, but in any other calamities such as famines, earthquakes, floods, cyclones and pestilence. She became the first president of the American Red Cross in 1873, holding the position until 1904. She gave relief to the yellow fever sufferers of Florida in 1887, the flood at Johnstown in 1889, the famine in Russia in 1891, the massacre in Armenia in 1896, the hurricane at Galveston, Texas in 1900, and many other places we will not mention.

I have thought something like this: "Suppose we were lying wounded on the battlefield, wouldn't we welcome a cool drink, or a bandage from a Red Cross nurse, or be glad to be moved by the ambulance off of the firing line to a place of comfort? Sure! I don't think anyone should throw anything in the way of the Red Cross.

It looks to me more like the work of the "Good Samaritan" than anything else. See Luke 10:34. "And went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him." Also verse 37, "Then said Jesus unto him, Go and do thou likewise." Can't we see in this the Red Cross work? He bandaged his wounds, poured in oil, put him in the ambulance and took him to the hospital.

You say, "This is strained." No, it is not. "Ambulance" is taken from the root word "ambulare" which means to move about. "Hospital" originally meant a shelter in which the sick, infirm, poor, leprosy and others could receive acts of hospitality and the hospitals were supported by the tithes and offerings. See Brit. V. 5-877.

One of the requirements of a Christian is to be given to hospitality. "Use hospitality one to another without grudging." 1 Peter 4:9. That is, when we give anything or do an act of kindness, do it and don't grumble.

The government has been very lenient with us, proposing to borrow our money and refund it with interest. Can we act grudgingly while they are trying to hold for us our freedom? No, surely not. I appreciate our government; she is a great government. Let none of our people think of raising their voice against her when she is not

touching our religion. I sincerely hope our people will use wisdom and not speak concerning things that they don't fully understand and thereby get into trouble.

**Report.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints Scattered Abroad: The Lord is blessing the saints here at this place. Indeed, we have had some wonderful services.

I was appointed pastor of the church at this place and three other places but we only have two buildings in which to worship.

Saturday and Sunday, May 18, 19, I filled an appointment at Mt. Olive church where we have a house of our own to worship in. We had two wonderful services. The power of God was manifested in a marvelous way.

Saturday before the first Sunday in June I filled an appointment at Fentress, Miss. We had three wonderful services. People seemed to be anxious to hear the old-time gospel preached inasmuch that they came through the rain to services. Deep conviction seemed to settle down on the congregation. Much good is to be done at Fentress.

On Saturday before the third Sunday in June I started for Mt. Olive church again. We had a wonderful service that night. Six received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues as the spirit gave utterance. Services lasted until about 1:30.

On Sunday we began service at 9:30 a. m. and it continued until 3:30 p. m. Four received the Holy Ghost.

On Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June I filled my appointment at this place. All the saints had great victory throughout the service.

On Sunday we began our service at 11:00 a. m. After we had the altar service one received the baptism and such leaping and dancing was wonderful to behold.

On Sunday night we went back for service again. People were stirred who had never been stirred before. After the altar service the power fell on almost every saint present. There must have been twelve or fifteen dancing, shouting and talking in tongues. Some who had grown cold were warmed up and took new zeal and courage.

Our revival begins at this place July 6, D. V. From here we go to Jones Chapel, west of Eupora, Miss. Our revival at Fentress will begin the fourth Sunday in August and at Mt. Olive the second Sunday in September, then back to this place the third Sunday.

I ask all the saints abroad to pray that God will use me to His glory in rescuing the perishing. I want to keep snow white, red hot and sky blue till Jesus comes. To Him be all the praise, dominion, power and glory forever!

C. A. Churchill,  
 R. 1, Sapa, Miss.

**Revival Meeting Notice.**

Revival services will begin at Bankhead, Ala. July 25, 1918. Brother Robinson and Brother Luther Richard will have charge of the services. Everybody is invited.

For further information address V. L. Smith, Mentone, Ala.

**Notice.**

The Rome District Assembly will convene at Crane Eater, Ga., on Aug. 2, 1918. All clerks and ministers of the district are expected to attend. Overseer of state, M. S. Lemons in charge.

S. W. Latimer,  
 District Overseer.

**Report of Camp Meeting, Nassau, B. Is.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We are glad to report that our fifth annual camp meeting, like previous ones, has been very successful. In it the presence of God was sensibly felt, His power wonderfully manifested, His standard of holiness lifted up by faithful men whom He has chosen so to do.

At this meeting every assembly of the saints of God in the Bahama Islands was represented. The meeting convened on the thirteenth inst. Beginning with the introductory service the proceedings were as follows:

Song service, testimonies, address by Daniel Scott, overseer. His subject was obedience. He spoke at length showing the simple way in which Jericho was taken by the people of God, etc.

On Friday the service opened with songs and testimonies. An address was delivered by Randolph Williams on the subject, "Spiritual Blessings." In the afternoon an exhortation was given by the overseer. In the evening services there were songs, testimonies and an address by F. G. Taylor on the subject, "Holiness—the Principle and Practice." This was followed by an altar call.

On Saturday teachings were given out by the overseer both morning and afternoon. In the evening an address was given by Alfred Sweeting.

On Sunday morning an address was given by Zachariah Barrow on the subject, "Was Order in the Assembly?" In the afternoon, songs and testimonies, and an address by F. G. Taylor on the subject, "Redemption of the Purchased Possession." In the evening an address was given by W. V. Eneas. His subject was "Holiness."

On Monday church teachings were given out by the overseer and preaching in the evening.

Tuesday was spent in correction and instruction by the overseer. In the evening an address was given by Stanley Pinder.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, gospel preaching, admonition, etc., by F. G. Taylor, Daniel Scott, and Zachariah Barrow.

Saturday, rain. Sunday morning service, songs, testimonies and an address by Daniel Scott. In the afternoon addresses were given by W. V. Eneas, F. G. Taylor, R. Williams, R. Bevins, and A. Sweeting. In the evening a striking address was given by the overseer who humbly conducted the meetings to the glory of God.

We are glad to report that it has pleased the Lord to save fourteen souls during this camp meeting.

We were very glad to have Brother F. G. Taylor with us who was here at the request of the overseer. While he was here he spoke boldly. He did his best to stir up the interest of the saints in the Church of God Evangel, insisting upon their subscribing. He also explained the necessity of every member paying tithes.

**THE LAST CALL.**

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all keep rank; they must be one. They must obey God! They shall not be overcome. God is in them! The great drive against the devil must succeed. The sick shall recover; devils shall be cast out; they shall speak with new tongues; if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them.

A band of warriors these—veterans of the cross. Nothing shall stop them; they are as an army prepared for battle; they have the whole armor. Fire shall not stop them; the sword shall not terrify them; the martyr spirit is in them.

Theirs not to question why, Theirs not to make reply, Theirs but to do and die.

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The living Christ their life. The crucified Christ their salvation. The glorified Christ their baptizer. The coming Christ their King. He shall reign on the earth. He shall see the travail of His soul and be satisfied.

God is speaking today. The cannon is belching forth its message. The lurid flames of night attacks, the greenish hues of the rockets, the terrible pain of liquid fire, the agonies of poison gases, the holocaust of the submarine warfare, the terror of the bomb-dropping airplanes—all these are but the earnest of a terrible eternal destiny of those who are cast into the "lake of fire."

The earthquakes with their solemn import and destruction of life, the tornado, cyclone, hurricane, volcanic eruptions, are all speaking louder than the preacher. God is compelling attention in a stern and severe way. His finger is touching the earth here and there. She is reeling under the throes of mighty convulsions. She is being molded into a new earth. Old orders, old systems, shall pass away, as an old garment shall they be laid aside.

The Canaanites must make room for the sons of God. The gods of this age must go. The Christ—He shall be exalted. He alone is worthy. He is heir of all things. He is King of kings. Hear His voice!

**Gone to be With Jesus.**

Our beloved Sister Beatrice Lafleur departed this life to be with Jesus June 27, 1918. She was perfectly resigned to the will of God and many times she would lift her eyes to heaven and praise God. In her last hours she called many of the saints to her bedside and gave them counsel and solemn warnings and asked them to meet her in heaven.

Sister Lafleur received the Holy Ghost about six years ago and became a faithful member of the Church of God at Miami, Fla. She was a consistent Christian and was on fire for God. Very often when testifying in meetings her body would sway from side to side under the mighty power of God. Her testimonies were so piercing and convicting that very often the fountain of our tears would be broken up and they would flow freely.

Her death has brought a deep seriousness upon the saints in the church at Miami, Fla. While we do not weep as others who have no hope yet we tenderly sympathize with the bereaved family, knowing at the same time that our loss is heaven's gain.

She's gone, but not forever, She soon will come again; And in the great reunion We'll meet with Christ to reign.

Her pastor,  
 Thos. B. Smith.

**Chattanooga, Tenn.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for the highway of holiness. I am wonderfully saved from sin, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I am a member of the Church of God.

Please pray that I shall be a faithful soldier for Jesus.

L. M. White.



**Prestonsburg, Ky.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have long desired to give a testimony through the Evangel.

When a girl I was converted under the preaching of a circuit rider and joined the church.

Time passed and the hand of affliction was laid upon me. I was shut up in a sick room nine years. I had several surgical operations. At last the doctors said I could not get well.

All those years the blessed Spirit of God never left me. He kept trying to teach me. One afternoon Jesus came to me and I saw Him face to face. I had never seen any holiness people nor had never heard of anybody having a vision. This wonderful sight caused me to believe. I began to seek after God.

About six months after this the Lord healed me soul and body and gave me another vision. A beautiful light shone around me, brighter and softer than moonlight.

Up to this time I had not known much about the Bible, as I was raised in a wicked home. I had never heard the full gospel preached.

After a time we moved to Birmingham, Ala. There I met some of God's true people. Brother Rogers, of Rogersville, Tenn., was conducting a meeting. I attended the services and saw the dear saints, some sanctified and some filled with the Holy Ghost. I went to the altar and the Lord sanctified me through the blood of Jesus. The witness came from heaven.

Later we moved to Chattanooga, Tenn. There I found a Church of God. I went to the altar and, praise God, He baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire and I began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Brother Trim was preaching that night, may God bless him!

I have been traveling about four years preaching the gospel. The Lord has wonderfully blessed the meeting here. Three have received the Holy Ghost, several have been saved, sanctified, or healed. The meeting is still going on.

I am on the battle front to stay till Jesus comes or calls. I desire your prayers.

Your sister in Christ,  
Ida Simmons.

**Report.**

The meeting at Lamison, Ala., closed June 27. Seven received the Holy Ghost.

The meeting at Flat Wood began Saturday night, June 29. Brother Richard was at his best. He gives out the Word in its fullness and God honors his prayers and tears. All the people here appreciate him very much.

Many hungry people followed him over to Flat Wood, determined to go through. After much prayer and crying God did wonderfully baptize four with the Holy Ghost, for we heard them speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance as at Acts 2:4. Many were saved and there are many more hungry hearts.

Sister Mary Howell, of Birmingham, came and assisted in giving out the Word. It was something new to the people to hear a woman preach, but seeing the wisdom and the Spirit of God that was with her they soon concluded that it was proper and right for a woman to preach. Many said they never heard anything to equal it. She preached the Word with boldness and did not fail to declare the whole counsel of God. All the people love her. She will make this her home for a while and take care of the work.

Sunday afternoon a large crowd gathered at the water edge and fourteen followed the Lord in water baptism. The church was set in order Sunday night with

eleven members. Others are to come in later.

We have \$137.40 pledged, and nearly half of the amount is paid, to build a tabernacle.

We have organized a Sunday school at Lamison where the tabernacle is to be built. We mean to build soon. There will be two services each week at both places.

We are glad to have Sister Howell remain with us. We are sure she will be a blessing to us. We are sure the best is yet to come.

God bless all the dear saints.

Your sister,  
Callie Lowery.

**Red Bay, Ala.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for victory in my soul today. I'm a member of the Church of God.

I thank God for the true light on His blessed Word. We can realize that Paul's writing concerning perilous times is being fulfilled in our day. My heart leaps for joy knowing it brings the coming of the Lord nearer. Glory to God!

I want to be ready to go, shouting, hosanna to the King, when our Lord shall come again. Please pray for me.

Your brother in Christ,  
B. O. Funderbuck.

**Trappe, Md.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

Praise God for victory in my soul and body. Jesus is all in all to me. I love Him. Glory to God!

We have been hindered by the devil since last fall; but praise God, last Sunday we opened our Sunday school again and there were ten present. We will have Sunday school and preaching from now on, we trust. We ask an interest in your prayers.

I am praising God for salvation. He is able to keep day by day. To know we are saved is worth more than all this world could give. It brings peace, love and joy and a blessedness that tongue cannot express. Pen cannot write it, but bless God, we can live it and prove to unbelievers that they haven't it. Glory to Jesus!

Keep pressing on, little children, I know Father is getting us ready for something wonderful. Thank God! I'm in the body and a member in particular.

Yoursister through the blood,  
Mrs. Clara A. Mullikin.

**Evansville, Tenn.**

Dear Evangel Family:

We are in a hard battle eight miles east of Evansville. This is one of the hardest places I have ever found. We want every child of God to pray that the Lord will break down the strong hold of Satan and establish His church in this place.

We have a tent up. The attendance is very good.

Yours in Christ,  
L. L. Turner.

**Lamasco, Texas.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints:

I feel like praising the Lord through the little paper I enjoy reading so well. I just praise God this morning because I really have the praise in my heart. I have been feasting with Him. Bless His name! I love Him above everything else.

I do want to do something for Jesus. We have started a little prayer meeting on Tuesday evening. I hope that you will pray that God will give us souls. We have met only one time and God was with us. He can work and none can hinder. Praise His name!

Please pray for my loved ones and for me.

Your sister in Christ,  
S. E. Henry.

**Somewhere in Illinois.**

On June 29, 1918, we landed in Eldorado, Ill., where we found Brother Barnett and other faithful soldiers making a very successful drive against the devil.

It was here we met dear Brother White, a very able Pentecostal minister of God's Word, who hails from Corbin, Ky. As we proceeded to explain the Church of God for a few days, he, Brother White, celebrated the fourth of July by uniting with her and of course the church forthwith recommended him for examination for Bishop. We are always glad to welcome such men as Brother White.

Just before time for service on the morning of July 4, we were called to Brother Barnett's tent to see one of his little boys who was sick. All indications showed that much dreaded disease, small-pox. So we had to close the meeting and leave dear Brother Barnett and his good wife and six children under quarantine.

Saints, please put all the sympathy you can gather up in a letter and mail to them. Of course they would be glad to get letters from the saints. Address D. P. Barnett, Eldorado, Ill.

Above all pray that God will loose these great workers and let them go free.

Pray for me,  
Your brother,  
T. S. Payne.

**Alabama City, Ala.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am a little girl twelve years of age. I am a member of the Church of God at Alabama City, Ala.

I praise the Lord for saving me, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. We go to Sunday school and church every Sunday.

On July 1, 1918, the Lord called my little brother home to live with Him. He was prayed for and anointed, but Jesus saw best to take him home to live with Him and our mamma who has gone on before.

Pray for us,  
Rosie Blackburn.

**Notice.**

I expect to go to N. C. the first of August, D. V. I want to go to the most needy field. Any one desiring meetings or help in the summer campaign for Jesus please write me.

Yours under the blood,  
Mrs. H. L. Gillett,  
Box 84, Parrish, Fla.

**Oliver Springs, Tenn.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

We are praising the Lord for complete victory over sin and the devil. We are glad the Holy Ghost still abides.

The Spirit is working here. Some are praying through to God as the truth is given out to them, still the altar is filled nearly every service with souls seeking God's love to know.

We find that more help is needed in this battle for God and right. Many of our friends testify that they are in the battle and have the sword and Spirit but they have surely lost either the sword or the Spirit for when the battle is on they fail to rush to the front. We have a great army of reserves and home guards but we should be ready at any time to march out to help drive back the enemy. We know there is some suffering in it, we suffer some, but we can shout, dance and talk in tongues some, too, when souls pray through to victory. Souls at the altar are suffering without this great love, surely we can suffer some when we have it.

There are some trenches at Oliver Springs that need to be filled, so we cry, help! help! If you are in the fight, we need

your help. We invite you to suffer with us for Jesus and lost souls. Pray for us and pray over this matter we have mentioned and see if you are the one to come.

Yours in the great family,  
Tom Aiken and wife.

**Shrewsbury, W. Va.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise to my great King for this wonderful plan of salvation. I praise Him for saving me from sin, for sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

On the fourth of July we had an all day meeting. The Lord certainly did work in a special way. Four ministers were present, The Lord blessed in giving the messages.

How we ought to praise God for these privileges of assembling together to worship Him. While others are going back, let us go on to perfection.

Your unworthy brother,  
Oephax Paxton.

**Baltimore, Md.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise God through the white-winged messenger for what He is to me. Nearly all of my life I have desired to please Him, but until about four years ago I was unable to do the right.

But, bless God! on the night of March 4th, 1914, here in this city the Lord saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

It is truly wonderful how the Lord cares for His people. Since the time of my conversion I have trusted Him for all things and He has bountifully supplied my every need. Praise His blessed name!

I want to praise Jesus for His blood which was shed to sanctify His church. I praise Him for the light He has given me on the glorious Church of God which I believe with all my heart is predestinated to bring forth the bride of the Son of God. And I praise Him for one other thing, that is, for giving me grace to walk in the light and I joined the Church of God.

It surely did me good to have to die to so many things. I was Elder, Sunday school superintendent and assistant preacher in another Pentecostal Assembly here in Baltimore, Md., when the Church of God was explained, or I might say revealed. There was only one person willing to join and I did join the church and that was I, the one who had so desperately opposed it, not only at my own place, but at others also.

But I am glad God is able to convert some preachers. What was I that I could withstand the Holy Spirit of God. Now the thing I once tried to tear down and destroy I am working for with all my might.

I humbly ask you to pray for me that God may use me for His purpose whatever it may be, for I do not want to be a "lamp-trimmer," I want to be a "wide-awake" and always be looking for His appearing.

Your brother in Christ,  
Wm. L. Butler.

**Notice.**

Our district convention will be held at the church of God near Oliffy, Ky., beginning Aug. 14. Everybody is invited and will be made welcome.

This is about twelve miles from Dunmore. There will be conveyance furnished free. Those who come from a distance will write Brother Ada McGehee, Oliffy, Ky. He will furnish conveyance for all.

W. S. Gentry will have charge of the convention.

W. F. Bryant,  
Overseer of State.

**Altoona, Ala.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise God for the Evangel. I am so glad I found its way to our home. It does me so much good to read it.

I am so glad I ever found the humble way. Some people criticize it but it just makes me appreciate it that much more. Praise the Lord!

I praise the Lord for healing my body. I never take any medicine.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I also desire prayer for my eyes. They are very weak. Sometimes I can hardly see at all. But praise God, He can heal them.

I am thankful for our surroundings. We can go to services most every Sunday in the month. Thank God for our privileges! May God bless you

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Della Morrow.

**Bowdon, Ga.**

Dear Mr. Tomlinson:

I am a reader of the Evangel and enjoy it very much.

I have been seeking salvation some time but it seems that my prayers are not heard, so I ask a special prayer from every saint. The blessed Book says, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled."

I want to move into a neighborhood where there is a church of God and make a crop on the halves with some man who has the baptism with the Holy Ghost. Pray for me, dear readers.

A seeker,  
D. C. Fordham,  
R. 4, Bowdon, Ga.

**Foreign Mission Receipts**

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| H. A. Ragle, Alcoa, Tenn.,                 | \$10 00 |
| Sunday School, Berryton, Ga.,              | 1 00    |
| Church, Colcord W. Va.,                    | 1 12    |
| "Kinsler's Tabernacle, Tenn.,              | 3 50    |
| "Cleveland, Tenn.,                         | 7 56    |
| I. M. Davee, Santa Fe Springs, California, | 2 50    |
| Church, Cedar Hill, Tenn.,                 | 1 75    |
| "North Chattanooga, Tenn.,                 | 2 25    |
| "Tampa, Fla.,                              | 12 21   |
| "Gastonia, N. C.,                          | 10 83   |

**Home Mission Receipts**

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| Church, Pell City, Ala.,                       | \$1 80 |
| "Jacksonville, Ala.,                           | 3 00   |
| R. K. Blackwood, Louisville, Miss.,            | 5 00   |
| Church, Monarat, Va.,                          | 0 10   |
| "Brookfield, Tenn.,                            | 1 10   |
| "Columbus, Ohio,                               | 1 75   |
| I. M. Davee, Santa Fe Springs, California,     | 2 50   |
| John C. Pye,                                   | 30 00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. James North, East Bernstadt, Ky., | 2 00   |

**Dunn, La.**

Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for saving me from my sins. He also sanctified me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I can't praise Him enough for the many blessings He has given me.

I do thank God for the little church here. There are more than twenty who have the baptism. We have prayer meetings on Friday night and Sunday school every Sunday.

I praise God for giving His only Son that we might have eternal life.

I praise the Lord for healing me of appendicitis. But I am partially deaf and I desire your prayers that my hearing may be restored. I know God's Word is true and I am trusting Him to heal me.

Pray for the little church here at Dunn, La., that we may stand true to God.

Your sister in Jesus,  
Sallie Isaac.

**LOVE PEOPLE, DON'T****FIGHT THEM**

W. L. HANCE

There are some people who are continually fighting other people because they don't believe like they do. But we can see that such people soon lose their joy if they ever had any and soon go back into the world and become chronic fighters instead of sincere Christians.

The Word of God plainly shows that this is not the way that leads to life but will soon lead to death if we persist in being led by such a spirit.

We cannot afford to fight anybody even if they don't belong to the Church of God. We must love them just the same, for indeed there are sincere Christians who do not belong to the Church of God, who are watching our lives every day to see if we have more love for them than other Holiness movements or denominational churches.

The writer of Hebrews says, "Seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight."

The world is watching the Church of God because we testify to be living up to the full gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But there are others who are doing their very best for God and we must love them, too, for Jesus said they that are not against us are for us, and God will bless them as long as they do not fight us and He will bless us as long as we do not fight them.

Of course we cannot even afford to fight back at them who fight us, for the Lord said, "If ye love them that love you what thank have ye? do not sinners the same?" We don't want to be classed with the sinners, but we want to be present at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Hallelujah!

I find people here in North Dakota who are walking in all the light they have and God is blessing them for it. His promise is that if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with the other and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. See 1 John 1:7.

If people haven't this light they cannot walk in it, but it behooves us to let our light so shine that they may see and that the light may shine into their hearts as it did into ours, according to 2 Cor. 4:6.

There are also people in other Holiness movements who are looking for the true light and would be glad to find something in which there is more love manifested, but if we don't love them how will they know? "Now the works of the flesh are manifested which are these: \*\*\* hatred, variance, \*\*\* But the fruit of the Spirit is love," Gal. 5: 19, 20. By our fruit they will know us, so let us love and not fight.

**Gone to His Long Home.**

Brother Lee Perdue, of Oliffy, Va., departed this life for his long home June 26th. The brother was injured in his leg by a fall of rock while at his daily labor and blood poison set in causing his death.

Brother Perdue has been professor of religion for a number of years and last fall during a meeting at Hickory Flat church he saw the light on sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost in which meeting he was sanctified. He joined the Church of God at that time and has been letting his light shine, and, surely, his life, exhortations and dying testimony will long be remembered and his work will follow.

His last message was, "If I die I am ready to go." He leaves an invalid wife and several children.

P. F. Fritz.



**Whigham, Ga.**

Dear Evangel Readers and Every Lover of Jesus:

I am so glad that I can truly say that I know the Savior who is able and willing to save to the uttermost all that will come to Him. I'm so glad I ever heard about Him and accepted Him as mine. Praise Him forever! His service is my sweetest delight. His yoke is easy, His burden is light. I've found it so.

There is very little of the Spirit manifested in the services here. You never hear one praise the Lord or raise a joyful sound. Very few pray or testify to the love of God. I like to be in services where people are given the opportunity to testify for Jesus and where the people have something to tell. Then I feel like I am in a service where God is in the midst.

I have a desire to do something for God. I am so glad that He loves me and I know I do love Him above anyone else. He is all and in all to me.

In the year 1905 there came two preachers here with a tent and held a meeting of several days. I went to the meeting and was convicted of the need of something more than I possessed. They didn't give opportunity for sinners to go to the altar and repent of their sins; they only asked the people to shake hands with them and opened the doors of the church. They were Congregational Methodist. It seemed that their preaching was good and they were interested about our souls.

My heart was burdened. They gave opportunity for membership and I and several others united with the Church and were sprinkled.

I felt a little relieved and kept attending services every opportunity, but still I had a heavy heart. I had an honest heart and felt that there was something lacking on my part, but I had never had any more light and did not know what to do. Our pastors would preach and pray and seemed to do all they could toward giving us the true gospel as they had light; they would pray earnest prayers and open the doors of the church and all such, but I had already been received into the church and had offered my hand for prayer over and over again, but still no relief came. I knew not what to do. My heart was so heavy I would try to pray seeking relief. I needed more light and understanding.

I remained in this condition until the year 1914. There came some Pentecostal Holiness people to this country. They began a meeting and I attended their services. I had heard of them and their doctrine and it sounded just fine to me. After the first sermon they made an altar call. They had preached in the power of the Spirit about the second coming of Christ. I don't remember that I ever heard a sermon of that kind, or that people could live without sin, before.

So, when the altar call was given I went. I kept going every service, conviction becoming deeper and deeper. The people seemed to be so interested about my soul; they would pray for me and tell me how to pray, and I would pray and weep. My heart was so heavy I could not eat much or sing or do anything but cry and try to pray. Company was no comfort or pleasure to me. I felt so little and mean though Satan would tell me to not do that, that I had always been a good honest person. It seemed that I would nearly go deranged, but I was hungering for salvation; I wanted to get right with God. I cared nothing for this world or anything in it. Jesus was looking at me and I wanted to be acceptable in His sight.

Finally the blessed Savior welcomed me as His child. Oh, how happy I was! Glory to His name! I was so happy and so

light and so glad I wanted every body else to feel good, too. I just had to laugh and praise God. I did not want anything except to be with Jesus and His people. How the saints rejoiced and spoke in tongues when the burden rolled off of my heart. Glory to Jesus! He is so precious to me.

Thank the dear Lord for sending His workers into the harvest field where the sinners are given a chance to repent of their sins and are taught how they can get right with God.

I wish every person that carries God's Word would make an altar call after preaching so sinners will have a chance to repent and get right with God.

I desire the prayers of every Christian that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet, ready to do His will.

Your humble sister,  
Mrs. E. E. Carroll.

**West Union, S. C.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers—Greeting in Jesus' Precious Name:

Oh, how I praise the blessed Lord for what He is to me this day. Glory! Words cannot express the love I have in my heart for Jesus, and oh, how I love His people and everybody. His Word says we must love our enemies. Without love we cannot please Him.

May we, every one that knows God, pray more and love more and do more for our blessed Savior than ever before.

I cannot express in words the burden that is on my heart for lost souls. We know that we are eternity bound. We shall have to meet God and give account of our lives. Let us pray that we may be more closely united in perfect love.

I desire that the saints pray for the state assembly and revival here at Walhalla beginning August 8. May great and everlasting good be accomplished through the mighty power of our God. Glory to His name!

Your unworthy sister,  
Emma Henson.

**Paris, Texas.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for victory in my soul today and for what He is doing here in Paris. It seems that Satan has had all the forces he could muster arrayed against the Church of God, but I am glad we are serving a God who hears and answers prayer. Glory to His name!

One was sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost Saturday night. Three came into the church yesterday. The altar was full of seekers last night.

The work in the Paris district is progressing nicely. I was at Point on the fourth Sunday in June. We had some wonderful services and baptized some in water. The saints there are on the mountain top. I expect to go there for a revival soon.

I expect to go to Ladonia next Saturday for a few days meeting. I desire the prayers of all the saints that God will bless.

Your brother in His service,  
Herschel N. Scoggins,  
District Overseer.

**Straight Creek, Ky.**

Dear Evangel Readers:

I want to testify to what the Lord has done for me. Bless His name! He has blessedly saved me from sin and sanctified me wholly.

I have not received the Holy Ghost yet, but I know He is for every one that obeys the Lord, so I am trying with all my might to do what the Lord wants me to do.

I am looking for His soon coming and I want to have oil in my vessel and be ready to go.

I desire that you will pray for my two brothers in the army, one of them is in France. Both are unsaved.

Your sister,  
Virgie Sinkhorn.

**Dora, Ala.**

Dear Saints:

I just want to help lift high the bloodstained banner. I am praising God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost about three years ago. I'm glad salvation is for young folks as well as older ones. I was the first in our home to get salvation.

I feel the need of going deeper each day. I feel that the end is drawing near.

The Lord is still blessing at this place. Recently we were called to pray for one of the sisters who was sick. We prayed through to victory and three present were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Glory to God!

I desire the prayers of all who read this that I may be healed of appendicitis. I am trusting in the Lord.

Ethel Cox.

**Tuscarawas, Ohio.**

Greetings to the Saints in the Precious Name of Jesus:

Jesus, the One who gave Himself for us that we might be saved, is a wonderful Friend indeed, One on whom we can always depend. Others may fail but Jesus is always the same, yesterday, today, and forever. He never changes. Bless His name!

Sometimes we feel weak as we never get to go to church, our bodies being afflicted. This makes the burden heavier, but when we really get close to Jesus and hear Him say, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," it causes me to want to nestle down a little closer to the feet of Jesus.

I know the Lord is able to heal my body. I know He is God and beside Him there is no other. He is able to kill and able to make alive, able to wound and able to heal. Bless His precious name! I want to ask the saints to pray for my healing. I suffer so much with a trouble in my left ear and my left side. God alone knows what the trouble is and what I suffer, but I am depending upon Him. Bless His name! I want to be able to trust Him to the end.

Please pray that I may be stronger in the Lord, also that my husband and two children may be saved.

Your sister in Christ,  
Bettie Cargile.

**Palestine, Ark.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have been reading the Evangel; it is so much strength to me and I enjoy reading it so much. I have decided to have it come to me as long as it is printed.

I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord! I am so glad I have salvation. I have decided to go all the way with Jesus.

Your colored brother in Christ,  
Hosea Willis.

**Campaign, Tenn.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have just returned from a meeting at Bellview, Bledsoe Co., Tenn. I was there two weeks, when called home on account of sickness. The meeting will continue until the Lord says stop.

Messages and interpretations were given on the coming of Christ. People came to the altar and cried out to God. Some were reclaimed and three received the Holy Ghost. Five were baptized in water. They shouted, danced and talked in tongues in the water. Praise God for His wonderful works! We read of the old and young dancing together. Thank God! They can dance in the creek if they are seventy-eight years old.

Your unworthy sister,  
Mrs. J. E. Jaco.

**West Palm Beach, Fla.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers—Greetings in the Precious Name of Jesus:

I am glad to report that I am still on victory side, saved and sanctified through the precious blood of Jesus. I am praising God for His tender mercies to me. He has kept and will ever keep them who will trust and obey.

When nearly fourteen years of age I joined the Baptist church of Kibber, Ga., this being my original home. All of my relatives lived there and were members of that church. As years passed by it seemed I was not satisfied with my salvation. I read my Bible and the more I read the more I wanted to read, and I found that I must not be ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.

When I was about eighteen years old an aged woman was visiting in our home. She and all her people were Methodist. One day she told me that she was sanctified and did not sin. Well I wondered, and this has ever been remembered by me. Bless the Lord! She was a dear old lady. I can realize now what she meant.

About eight years ago I joined another church and was rebaptized. This was the Seventh Day Adventist. Still what the lady said to me about holiness kept coming to me.

Finally in the year 1914 we moved to West Palm Beach, Fla., where we are today. After coming here I didn't bother about going to any church.

Time passed on and one day in April 1917 I heard of some holiness meetings going on over at the Inlet, so I went. I am praising God for those dear people. As I read on I saw that I had found a Church of God. Now I belong to this holiness band and I expect to be in the number when Jesus comes to claim His own.

I am praising God for the way of holiness. I am so glad I found it. I gave up the snuff habit that I had been addicted to for thirty years.

It is wonderful what the Lord can and will do if we go to Him in prayer. He will never turn us away if we ask in faith. Let us lay aside all wrong things, seek and find our Savior while He is on the giving hand. Walk in the light as it comes.

We need a church here so much. For the last four months the saints from the Inlet way have been coming over in West Palm Beach holding cottage meetings. We are trusting that God will give us a house in which to worship Him. The people come and seem to enjoy the meetings very much.

We should be glad to have some Church of God minister traveling with a tent to come here. We will furnish the ground on which to pitch the tent. If any can come to West Palm Beach, please notify me.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Emma Tedder.  
General Delivery.

**Report.**

We have just closed a meeting at Bogue, N. C. The Lord met with us the first service and His blessings were continually with us for three weeks.

Good interest was manifested from the first to last. People came for fifteen miles or more. I suppose a dozen, at least, were saved, some sanctified and five received the Holy Ghost. On the last Sunday afternoon we baptized seven in water.

Brother and Sister Williams of Cortez, Fla., were with us.

We certainly had a pleasant stay with the dear people of this neighborhood and I've never met a more benevolent and hospitable people anywhere.

We left them Monday. We were sorry indeed to part with them, but there's a thought of

cheer and that is, our labor was not in vain; for we left a happy little band to carry on the work in prayer meetings, etc. However they need some minister to visit them. Any minister in eastern North Carolina who can go will find a ripe field and a hearty reception.

I am now enroute to Perry, Fla., via Melrose, Ga., camp meeting.

Your brother,  
Aaron A. Smith.

**Dora, Ala.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am still praising God because I have peace in my soul. I can never praise Him enough for what He has done for me. He is so good to me. He keeps me sweet in my soul every day.

I desire your prayers that I may do just what God would have me to do, that I may be an overcomer always.

Your brother,  
Joe Bates.

**Report.**

The Church of God was set in order at Pratt City, Ala. June 5, 1918, by Brother Z. D. Simpson. We have Sunday school and services every Sunday.

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